

The First Press Weekly Update

August 9, 2026



Seeking to see the face of Christ...Striving to be the hands of Christ

Interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church? Please speak with one of our pastors.

Church Potluck Lunch Today!

Please join us after Worship today for a wonderful time of food and fellowship!

Worship Schedule

Sunday, August 16, we will return to two worship services – 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel and 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be a Joint Meeting of the Session and Diaconate following worship.

BLTs are Back ~ August 23!

BLTs are returning again this year on **August 23** in the Fellowship Center after the 10:30 a.m. service. Only white bread will be offered to make the sandwiches. If you want any other kind of bread, please bring it with you. Claudia Byrd is graciously preparing these for us.

Looking Ahead!

- ♦ September 2 ~ Church Night Supper and Wednesday Night Programs Resume
- ♦ September 20 ~ Church Picnic at Allandale

Legacy Funding

YOUR LEGACY FUNDING through FPC's ENDOWMENT: Contribute to FPC Ministries, Mission & Outreach, Capital Facilities. To make an Endowment gift now or later, talk with Mike Wilkins, Mary Glenn Lively, Nic Clemmer, Rebecca Combs, Steve Miller, Gary Tucker, Barbara McCary, Dee Dee Dietrich or call the church office at 423-245-0104 or Matthew Crowder, Investment Advisor, ECU Asset Management/LPL Financial 423-578-7371.



Second Harvest Food Bank in August

Please join First Presbyterian Church volunteers at Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee on **Wednesday, August 19**. It is a fun time of fellowship and service! Call or text Bob Stoots at (423-782-6280) to sign up and indicate your time preference: morning (9am-11am), afternoon (1pm-3pm) or both!

Waverly Road Food Pantry

Item of the Month:

Healthy Cereals

FPC Clothes Closet ~ Help Needed!

Help is greatly needed on Mondays in the FPC Clothes Closet. Come when you can to sort clothes beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday mornings. Your volunteering will be greatly appreciated!

Breakfast Bags--Please Help!

We have many open shifts left in August, especially on Saturdays. We will be starting to fill our Fall schedule soon. Most of our volunteers are regulars, often filling 3-4 slots a month--we would love to involve more of our members in this ministry. If you have not volunteered before, it truly is a very small commitment--6:45-8:15 a.m. on Saturday or Sunday mornings. We know that life is busy, but our neighbors' needs are still there, and we are called to be the hands and feet of Christ to them. If you would like information or to sign up for a shift, please email Sarah Good at sar4680@gmail.com or text 423-967-3148.

Supporting a Healthy Congregation

The lifeblood of a healthy congregation is support through prayer and financial gifts.

Prayer Concerns

If you have specific prayer or pastoral concerns, please write them on a pew card and place in the offering basket as you leave or give it to a pastor.

Offering Invitation

Tithes and Offerings can be given online using the QR code, placed in the offering plate as you leave, or mailed to the church.



Serving Today

The Chancel Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God

and in loving memory of Dr. William E. Blass
by Betty Blass.

Ushers

Mitch and Greta Robinette

Sound

Olin Babb

Flower Delivery

Gray Stothart

Birthdays & Prayers of the Week

August 10: Sarah Jane Adams

August 11: Inez McBee

August 12: Tony Cole

August 13: Joyce Brown, Cathy Mooney

August 14: Mary Beth Hallen

August 15: Nancy Bovender, Laura Addleburg

August 16: Peter Gale, Gemma Robinette, Paul Smith, Lee Walker

First Presbyterian Church Staff

423-245-0104

Dr. Bradley Walker, Interim Pastor

Russ Pearson, Associate Pastor of Student Ministries

Amy Smith, Director of Music Ministries/Organist

Annie Hill, Church Business Administrator/Executive Assistant to the Pastor

Vickie Green, Membership & Website Specialist/Church Administrative Assistant

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